MR. DUCE STANDS HOT FIRE (Continued from First Page.)

Q. Where did they go?
A. I don't know, I was sitting in the hall waiting for supper, and I don't Q. De you think that all three went out

Yes, sir.
Did any of them return?
Yes, sir; Dr. Massey returned.
Did the other two remain out?
They didn't come back again, no,

O. The first floor?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. How was the house arranged?
Did it have a parlor?

What was the next room?

The next was called the spare bed-Q. What was next to that?
IN A EED ROOM.

A. The next is commonly called Cap-Mr. Massey, Mr. Womack and Mr. Q. Mr. Massey, Mr. Polkes were in Captain Henry's bed-

Yes, sir. Was Captain Heury in the house

Was Captain It in the state of the University No. sir.
What business is Captain Henry in?
He is general agent for the Univerpublishing Company. I heard them

y that in the house.

Was it the habit of Captain Henry stop at that house? Yes, sir. Do you know Mr. Womack?

Q. Do you know Mr. Womack?

A. I haven't a speaking acquaintance
with him, although I have seen him come
to the house. I have been introduced to
him, although I don't know him to speak m on the street. Does Mr. Massey come there fre-A. Well, I really wouldn't like to say

By Mr. Lamb. Are you positive that was the night you saw Mr. Folkes there.
A. Yes, sir, I am very positive of that

Is there any way by which you fix A. Yes, sir. I remember having heard about it (i. e. the resolutions), and Mr. Christian, who was one of the gentlemen seated in the that hallway, I know I remarked to him that night that I would be seen in these and hear

like very much to go up there and hear it. I know I walked with him to the hall that night.
Q. Is Mr. Christian a member of R. E. No. 1, Sons of Veterans?

Yes, sir. Captain Wise. How long have you

By Captain Wise. How long have you been boarding there?

A. I had been boarding there I think since August. 1886; I am not boarding there now, though.

Q. Did Mr. Womack ever board there?

A. I don't think that Mr. Womack ever boarded there that I know of.

Q. You don't think that?

A. No, Eir.

Q. Are you prepared to contradict the fact that he has boarded there?

A. Well. I never have boarded there eny more than a couple of days at a Q. I am not risking how much time. e you prepared, is your knowledge so eat that you can say that Mr. Womack s not been in the habit of stopping at

great that you can say that Mr. Womack has not been in the habit of stopping at that house and bearding there?

A. No, sir, he has not been in the habit of stopping there.

Q. Will you say that he never stopped

there?
A. He has stopped there, yes, sir,

A. He has stopped there, yes, sir.

Q. I mean as a boarder.
Q. I think while I have been there he stopped there a couple of days with his wife. That is my impression, but I am not very certain about that. If he did, it was some time ago.

Witness here stood aside.

Mr. Lecky—The Chairman has neglected to state at the beginning of this meeting that the witnesses who are testifying are testifying through courtesy to the committee. As you all know, we have no legal means by which we can make them testify, and the committee and all interested in the question will appreciate the fuliest light possible will appreciate the fullest light possible from the witness chair. We desire to thank the witnesses in advance for the

ANOTHER EDARDER.
Mr. N. Lodor ther: testified as follows:
By Mr. Lamb: Mr. Lodor, what is your

occupation?

A. I am secretary of the Morris & Bas-Q. Where do you reside

On south Third street new. Where did you reside on the 6th day of September last? At Eleventh and Clay. Who occupies that house there? Mrs. Morris.

A. Mrs. Morris.
Q. Did you see Mr. Massey there on
the 6th day of September?
A. I can't fix the date in my mind, but
I saw him there the night he made the
speech to the Sons of Veterans. ch to the Sons of Veterans.

Did you see Mr. Folkes there that

A. Yes, sir. Who else did you see there? A. Mr. Womack.
Q. You saw Mr. Folkes, Mr. Womack
and Mr. Massey there that night?

Yes, sir. Where did you see them? We were all sitting in the hall, and all passed out from the rear room. What was that room known as:

Mr. Henry's bed-rom. Are you confident that Mr. Folkes, Massey and Mr. Womack passed out of there? Yes, sir.

A. Yes, sir,
Q. Where did they go?
A. I have no idea. They went out to
the front door. Mr. Wen ack and Mr.
Folkes left the house, Mr. Massey did Q. How is that house located? What

floor was that on?
A. They had a cellar in which the dining room is; it was the first floor that.

above that.

Q. Was the room they came out of the front room, back room. The hallway runs perfectly straight. The first room is the parlor, the second is a spare bed-room, and the door of this room opens straight down the hallway at the end of the ball.

Were you sitting in the hall?

Q. When they came out, did they pass

Yes, they had to come right by us. Q. And you are positive they came of that room.

By Mr. Lecky. How long were you sitting in that hall before these gen-tlemen pasesd you?

A. I had no idea. I came in to tea,

we were waiting there for it.
Was it as much as ten minutes?
I can't teli you to save my life. I

Did you see them come in the

A. No.
Q. Do you know Mr. Womack when you see him?
A. I have been introduced to him.
Q. And you know Mr. Folkes when you see him?

A. I never have met Mr. Folkes, but I know him when I see him; and Mr. Christian and Mr. Howell were discussing the matter, and they told me it was he.

Q. Do you recognize that gentleman there (indicating Mr. Folkes) as the one? Yes, sir.

A. Yes, sir.
Q. You say you don't know whether
Mr. Massey left th're?
Captain Wise: He said he did not.
The witness: He went out after supper.
Q. By Captain Wise: How long had you
been living at that house?
A. Two years and a half.
Q. Had Mr Womack stopped at that
house since you had been there?
A. No. sir: I don't thins he has. I
have met him there. He has been around

a good many times in evenings.
Q. Do you know whom he visited?
A. No, but I thought it was Captain

Mr. Edmond Christian then testified as Q. By Mr. Lamb: Are you a member of R. E. Lee Camp, No. 1, Sons of Vete

Yes, sir. Did you see Mr. Massey there that

and speak to him, or not? You know him

A. I can't remember what I said to

the street and waited there until Mr Which way did they go then?

By Mr. Lecky. Were you at supper that

Was Mr. Massey there at supper? Yes, sir. I sat next to him, ne was in the house, then?

A. I did not voice.
Witness stood aside.
STORY OF THE "SCOOP."

By Mr. Lamb. Mr. Chesterman, you are with the Dispatch, are you'

A. Yes, sir.
Q. Have you ever had any conversa-tion with Mr. Werner, of The Times, with reference to how the Mshood-Massey res-olutions were obtained for The Times the night they were introduced in the Camp; or, in other words, how The Times got the "scoop" on the Dispatch

Mr. Lamb. No, Sr. We have no war-ness. We are not here as plaintiff or de-fendant, prosecuting or defending. We are trying to get at the truth of the matter. We have no power to make Mr. Werner testify. We had him on the stand last night and cross-examined him and cross-examined him, and we could not make him testify. Mr. Chesterman can

does not know.

Mr. Lamb. He knows what Mr. Werner told him. Mr. Chesterman, did you have any conversation about it with Mr. Wer-

Yes, sir, this morning. How did he say he got those reso-

tries.

Q. Did Mr. West go on a fishing trip
the 20th of August, the Mondar before the
discussion of the Massey resolutions?

A. I don't know whether he did or not.
Q. Did he tell you that he did?

A. I know he certainly did not tell me A. From Mr. Folkes.
Q. Did he say how it happened?
A. Yes, sir, he did.
Q. I wish you would tell us.
A. Well, he was particularly anxious for me to know that it was not true, as Mr. Folkes had said, that he had "swiped" them off the table. He said Mr. Folkes gave them to him.
Q. By Captain Wise: You said you got that from him this morning? Did he tell you that he went fishing Q.

the 6th day of September, the day the Massey resolutions were discussed? A. Yes, he told me so. Q. Did he go alone, or did he have

A. He told me that he went with Mr. By Mr. Folkes: Did he tell you that he

went fishing with me, Mr. Duce?
A. Yes, he said so.
By Mr. Lecky: At the time of the By Mr. Lecky: At the time of the introduction of these resolutions by Maj. Brander in the parent Camp, did you have any conversation with Mr. West at that time? These resolutions were founded upon rumors. Did you have any founded upon rumors. Did you have any conference with him at that time and sulrequent to that? If so, give us the benefit of what he told you?

A. Not at that time. The first conference I had with Mr. West about it was on last Saturday week.

Q. What did he tell you at that time?

A. I always go home early on Sat-urday night, and on that night I went out of the office a few minutes after midnight, shortly after midnight, as well as I remember. The rumors of this investigation were going around. Mr. West followed me out, and he said to me on the sidewalk in front of the Dispatch office: "Have you told anybody about office: "Have you told anybody about that?" I can't remember his exact words, but he alluded to the transaction about which I gave testimony when I was last on the stand, between Mr. Folkes and himself. He said: "Have you told onyone" I said I was not quite certain; that the question had never suggested itself to me. He said: "My God! If you have done so, we are ruined, we are all ruined." We talked about it outside all ruined." We talked about it outside
of the Dispatch some time, and then
we walked up the street as far as Eighth
street, and stood talking at the corner
of Eighth street for some time. We
talked about the resolutions and the
probability of these investigations and he
was telling me about the American Book
Company.

WOULD USE MONEY.
O. What did he tell your shout the

WOULD USE MONEY.

Q. What did he tell you about the American Book Company?

A. He told me the American Book Company was formed of several large publishing houses, and he said that he did not think the American Book Company would permit this investigation to proceed. He said they were tremendously rich, and he believed they would spend any amount of money to stop it.

Q. Did he say how much money?

A. I can't remember the figure.

Q. You are certain he said the Ameri-

A. I can't remember the figure.
Q You are certain he said the American Book Company would not allow this

investigation to proceed? A. I did not say he used the word 'allow." He said they would take every effort to stop it. I don't remember the exact words, but that was the sense of it. Q. And that they would use money? A. Use money to stop it, yes. Q. Was there any limit on the amount they would use?

No. I don't remember what figure he placed. He gave me his reasons for it. He gave me statistics about the school children of Virginia, and what the trade in Virginia meant to the book company.
Q. Did he tell you what books the
American Book Company supplied to the schools of Virginia?

A. He said that the histories were not A. He said that the histories were not such an important item to the company as the other schools books that they supplied; that they did not care so much about tice histories as the other books, as I understood him.

Q. That was the conversation up to the point of Eighth and Main streets?

A. Eighth and Main streets, yes, sir.

Q. Did you proceed up the street together from that point?

A. No. Mr. Smithers, the night-watchman, came there and stood feer us. Mr. West told him to go on down the street and he would catch up with him. Mr. West went on down towards the Dispatch

That was the last of the week? Q. That was six days before you went the stand first?

Yes. Q. So that all that you are going to Q. so that all that you are going to

That was on Saturday. Did you see him on Sunday? A. No.
Q. Did you see him on Monday?
A. I saw him on Monday, yes.
Captain Wise, Which Monday are you

Mr. Lecky: That was the Monday pre

tion we had. I was very much distur by our talk on Saturday night, and Sunday I was a good deal worried about it; and on Sunday night I asked Mr. Noel's advice about it, because I felt that I had been incautious in mentioning the fact. I was under the impression that my confidence had been betrayed, and I consult-ed with Mr. Noel about it, and asked him if it would not be possible for me nim if it would not be possible for me to insist upon my right as a newspaper man, and refuse to testify if called on. We had quite a conversation. The next day, in the afternoon, I met Mr. Folkes,

Monday week?

A. Yes.

TALK WITH MR. FOLKES.

By Mr. Lecky, Was it on Monday that you saw Mr. 1 kes?

A. Yes; I had two conversations with

Q. Suppose you repeat the conversa-tions you had with Mr. Folkes?

A. The last time I met Mr. Folkes was early in the afternoon; I don't remember just what time. I was talking to Mr. W. C. West, the architect, on Clay street. Mr. Folkes came up and I excused my-self to Mr. West, and Mr. Folkes and I walked up to Broad street, and along down to the City Hall. That was the conversation that end-

at the City Hall? Have you any reason to change r testimony from that already pre-

A. Yes, sir.

Q. Were you there to meet Mr. West when he came back at 5 o'clock.

A. He came back before five. He telephoned me about 4 o'clock and asked if A. No.
Q. Then the committee will skip over that. Now as to the other conversation?
A. The second conversation was in Lec Camp Hall, at night. The adjutant of the Mr. Woodfin was down yet, and I sald yes. And he said he would be right

go out different ways—
Q. That was on Monday?
A. Yes. Mr. Folkes asked me in printing his resignation, to make a statement in connection with it that he was an eminent lawyer, and that his practice which was increasing very rapidly, might

conflicted with his business.

Q. Did you have any further conver-sation with Mr. Folkes during that even-

I had a conversation after that

there?
A. I asked Mr. Folkes if I might write it up as an interview. He said under no circumstances. He wanted me to make a plain statement. I did not see very well how I could do so, but I put in what

A. He made use of the expression (reerring to his letter) "some people aint aif snart." I remember those words. C. Did you agree with that proposition." A. Yes, I thought he was about right

A. No. I was urder the impression that the effect of Mr. Folkes' resignation would be to do away with the need for

investigation.
Did Mr. Folkes tell you that he thought his letter of resignation would do away with the necessity for an in-

On Tuesday or on Wednesday

morning, I am not sure which it was, it became evident that the investigation would be proceeded with. Q. After you got the evidence that the

and Bank in front of Ruegers. I said, "West, I am afraid I am going to be summoned to this investigation." I was afraid furthermore, that the investigation was the outcome of some remarks I had made in going around getting data for the history article I had written in for the history article I had written it the Dispatch since the meeting of the Grand Camp. He said that he had rea-son to believe as much, and he could not think what he had ever done to me that I should have told anybody what h

Did you suggest going away from

A. No; it was not until the day below this investigation that I told Mr. Wood-fin anything about the matter. Mr. Woodfin in assigning me, came out and told me some things that had been told to him, and then I told him what I

A. No; it was not until the day before

had been told you by Mr. West?

A. I did not repeat it exactly. Mr. omack had been to see Mr. Woodfir

and had explained about the check he had given Mr. West.

By Mr. Lecky: When did that happen? By Mr. Lecky: When did that happen.

A. I think it was the morning before
the investigation. In giving me my assignment, Mr. Woodfin told me of this.
signment, Mr. Woodfin told me of the signment. A. No. Q. Mr. Woodfin had charge of the as-

Q. Did you have any conversation with

him on your way home from the office Thursday night?

Thursday night?

A. I walked up as far as his house on west Grace street on Thursday night and we stood outside talking for s.me time. I all along argued that I had told the committee that I had seen the check,

which I understood was for use with members of the Camp, and I had men-tioned Mr. Folkes' name in connection

with it. That it was my impression from what had been stated to me by members

of the Camp that the investigation was

not going to be pushed very vigorously, that the Camp desired to clear their skirts, as Mr. Cox expressed it, and they did not articipate much trouble or ex-

Q. That takes you up to Friday.

THOSE AFFIDAVITS.

Q. Did you sit down then and write an

A. I wrote an affidavit. Mr. West teld

me that he was going to his dinner and would be back to the office about 5

A. Yes, At this point, Major Randolph notified

he office from his home.

A. Yes, sir. Mr. West told me that he

A. Yes, sir. Mr. West told me that he ad consulted Colonel Cowardin and that was deemed best we should make affi-

tirely mistaken.

A. Yes.

Q. An i at the time he made the statement to you about the check, and you spoke to him about the matter, he assigned someone else to report the meet-

A. That was on the day before-on A. Yes. Q. Did Mr. Taylor Ellyson dictate a cer-Q. Did you have any conversation with

tificate for you to sign?

A. No: it was all along the same line; only there were different ways of putting West that day? A. Yes.
Q. Had he seen Mr. Womack?
A. He did not tell me that.
Q. What did he tell you that day?
A. It was all along the same line—that would have to testify that I was en-

Q. When that paper was prepared, Mr. West, yourself, Mr. Woodfin, Colonel Cowardin, Mr. Chesterman, Mr. J. Taylor Ellyson, and Mr. Theodore Ellyson—they had all seen it, and it had met with their

approval. It met with my approval.
Q. It met with your approval. Is that
your statement?

Our explanation of last Friday night Who was that paper delivered to

red to any one. You made oath to it?

A. When I dropped into the office on Friday afternoon Mr. West came to me Q. Who did you deliver it to after you and said that it had been decided that

we were to make affidavits, and not to go on the stand. Q. Who had decided that? Were you a party to that decision?

A. No, Mr. West had been told that it had been so decided.

Q. Did he tell you who said it had een so decided?

A. He said he had seen Colonel Cowardin and that he thought it would be set to make an affidavit, and not to tes-

Q. Your statements to this committee

Q. Is that the affidavit you have filed here? I don't understand what you mean Q. If Mr. West has told you what is not so, then is what you have stated not so? A I have stated exactly what Mr. West

> Then it makes no difference as to where Mr. West got his information. You have stated exactly what Mr. West told you? A. Yes, sir.

Q. Had you any conference about this affidavit after Mr. West told you Colonel Cowardin had decided it would be best to make an affidavit?

mean.
Q. Your evidence has been a statement of what Mr. West told you?
WAS NOT MISTAKEN.
A. Yes, and of conversations I had with Mr. West.

Will you explain the connection be-

absolutely positive that I had not mis-understood him.

Q. Did Mr. West deny the statements

Q. Did Mr. West deny the statements that you made, in the presence of the gentlemen in the Dispatch office?

A. No; there was no statement made, We had a little difference in Mr. Woodin's office, that I have told you of. Mr. Folkes said he would see West about it, and there was no further difficulty. Mr.

and there was no further difficulty. Mr. Woodin rather upstraided me for not contradicting West's statements, which were totally at variance with mine; and I said to him that I understood Mr. West, and I hoped Mr. West understood me; that I

Certainly I am.
And those gentlemen were present
n you prepared that paper?

A. Yes.

Q. They understood the circumstances arrounding the preparation of the paper?
A. I don't think they understood all the

he had repeated them to Mr. Chesterman, Colonel Cowardin, Mr. Ellyson, or anyone

A. I told colonel cowards and I could not add to my affidavit; that I believed, so far as my knowledge went, there was nothing for you to investigate. Did you have any member of the Sons of Veterans come to you for information regarding this rumor?

A. Yes.
Q. Did you tell him anything about it?
A. I told him I had gotten certain information, but that I could not tell him what it was. I am not quite sure that I mentioned about the check, but I think I did say that the information I had about the check came in such a way that

A. No; I don't think so. Q. Has any member of the History Committee approached you on the sub-

Q. Has Mr. West had any conversation with you since you testified here last Fri-

affidavit?
A. Yes, Colonel, you said it was to be entirely my own statement.
Col. Cowardin: Did I not give you re-

peated injunctions as to statement should be?

A. Yes, 1 was, Q. You have heard Mr. Duce's testi-mony on the subject? A. Yes. Q. Are there any other statements that

Q. Are there any other statements that you desire to make not covered by the two questions that you asked Mr. Duce?
A. None, other than this: That Mr. Duce-I would like to make clear his action as I understood it. When these two gentlemen (Mr. West and Mr. Duce) appeared before me I never knew anything of this investigation, nor did I know even of the Mahood resolutions. I had never heard anything of it. The only knowledge I had at all was from Mr. Brander, who met me on the corner that was probably three weeks ago-somewhere about that. Mr. Brander in timated to me that there had been some

questioned; or proved to be in the pass of a book company—if it could be done otherwise. I told him that he might go to Mr. Duce and find out for himself; that if there was anything I could do further, to let me know. From that time until last Friday morning I never heard anything more about the matter. Then I received a note from Mr. Woodfin, our city editor, stating that there was some trouble connected with the history matter, and he would like to see me at 13 o'clock. I received that note on going to city editor, stating that there was some trouble connected with the history matter, and he would like to see me at 13 o'clock. I received that note on going to the office. Before Mr. Woodin came, however, Mr. West arrived, and he told me his version of what had happened. He led me to helieve that Mr. Duce had probably misunderstood him; and I must say that the effect of his statement to me made me think that probably Mr. Duce was wrong in the matter. Mr. Woodin came to me later and gave me all the information he could on the subject—much of it hearsay, rumor, and so on—the result of the investigation he had with them the night hefore. He had the two gentlemen down there about 5 o'clock to see me, I must say that Mr. Duce alway held to his statement that Mr. West did get that check, and did tell him that It was to pay somebody. I asked Mr. Duce very embhatically, when the two were face to face, "Do you say that this man (Mr. West) told you that?" And he replied, "Yes, I do." Mr. West said, "You are mistaken, Mr. Duce?" They held to that for a long time. Then I said to Mr. Duce, "How could you write an affidavit of that kind?" He said, "I believe Mr. West is telling the truth, but I know he did make that remark," what made him do so I do not know, but I know that he did make that remark," Mr. West then said. "That is where we differ." Mr. Taylor Ellyson was not called in to consult about this matter; he just chanced to come into my office at the time, and I said to him, you are here and you might as well remain and hear what is going on about this. Mr. Theo Ellyson also happened to come in, and I asked him to stay. I cautioned Mr. Duce that his statement should co stain the treth, and nothing but the truth; I said to him. "If you believe Mr. West has fold you might as well remain and hear what is going on about this. Mr. Theo Ellyson also happened to come in, and I asked him to stay. I cautioned Mr. Duce that his statement should co stain the treth, and nothing but the truth; I said to him. "If you believe Mr. We

Q. Did Mr. West admit that he had a check of the American Book Company pass through his hands?

A. No, he said that he had received a personal check of Mr. Womack. The only thing about it that I could not reconcile, was Mr. West's statement that he did say—when Mr. Duce arrived at the office from reporting the meeting of the Sons of Veterans, and advised him of their action on the Mahood resolutions—that means a hundred dollars in my.

you and Mr. West's testimony agree

A. Last Monday about 5 o'clock.

Q. Did Mr. Womack tell you the date of the rote Mr. West gave him?

A. Well, I don't remember it. He said Mr. West was wrong about the date. He said the note had been given him not niled out by Mr. West; that he thought there might be difficulty in having it discounted in Richmond, but he knew he could have it discounted through a friend in Norfolk; he stated that the note should commence from the time he got the money on it.

A. I don't know. I know his statement as to the date differed from Mr. West's nearly a month. I could not remember exactly how much. He said West did not know what date he had dated the note, that he was to date it as of the time he got it discounted.

A. No. he did not.
Q. Did he tell you what Mr. West had loaned him \$20?
A. That is one point of difference. He said that he told West he did not think it was as much as that; that he thought it was only \$10; but that he told West he would not discuss the matter, and

Q. Mr. West said that he had borrowed \$5 from Mr. Theodore Ellyson for the purpose of loaning it to Mr. Womack:

A. Yes.
Q. Is that in keeping with your office

I suppose you have a regular pay day?

A. I imagine we are rather indulgent. I knew nothing of this case until the day of the investigation.

Q. There was a dispute as to the amount of the loan between West and

him on any material point. He came to my office just about the time the Grand Camp was held here, when Colonel Cus-

A. Yes, sir.
Q. Where did you reside on the 6th
of September last?
A. No. 1101 Clay street.
Q. Were you there on the evening of
the 6th of September?

Yes, sir.

Did you see any one else there?

Yes, sir; I saw Mr. Folkes and Mr.

omack. Q. Where were they?

Were they coming down the hall? Yes, sir.

well, don't you? Yes, sir, I know him. Did you stop him?

By Captain Wise, Were you at the

Mr. W. D. Chesterman then testified as

captain Wise, One minute, Is this put in here to contradict your own wit-Mr. Lamb. No. sir. We have no wit-

tell us. Captain Wise, But Mr. Chesterman

to him?

A. He came to me.

Q. At the Dispatch office?

A. At the Dispatch office. He said that Mr. Folkes took them out of the record book which he held in his hand this way dindicating by holding book under his left arm), and took them out and gave

obtained it?

Mr. Lamb: I cannot recollect, Captain Wise, to save my life. If I can, I will let you know. I have talked about this matter right much to-day. I knew Mr. Chesterman knew it; where that came

from I do not know, but if I do recollect it you shall have the benefit of it. MR. C. B. WEST'S FATHER. MR. C. B. WEST'S FATHER.

Mr. Speight Brooklyn West then addressed the committee as follows:

Mr. Chairman, I desire to state that I am the parent of Mr. West, and you claim that you want to get at the truth and wish for fairness in this investigation as to how this matter occurred. Now, it does appear to me, that, it being impossible for Mr. West to be here to-night, although the court has been very liberal in pestponing vitnesses in going on the stand, I do think, as you said yourselves, you were anxious to get at the truth and stand. I do think, as you said yourselves, you were anxious to get at the truth and fairness of this question, you might withhold Mr. Duce's testimony until my son arrives. I make this statement from the fact that anything Mr. Duce might say that my sen did not get the benefit of might be detrimental to him; and his character is covariable as a like the content of character is certainly assailed. I ask the night to give him an opportunity to come here. If that is done, I shall feel perfect-ly satisfied with the course the commit-tee is pursuing; but if it is not, I shall Mr. Lecky: Mr. West, on last Friday evening Mr. Clyde B. West testified only

the committee to resume the examination at an earlier date than Wednesday night We stated that our witnesses were testi-fying through courtesy, and that a great many of them, having seen the announcement that the proceedings went over to Wednesday night, might have made other engagements; and that every one of this committee had tried to accommodate themselves to the engagements; and that every one of this committee had tried to accommodate themselves to the particular case of this witness. At 3 o'clock of that same day Mr. West came to me and said, on his own motion, that he had decided to go to New York. He said that he would certainly be back in time for the Wednesday examination. On Wednesday he was not here, but he was represented by counsel, who said that he desired a further

postponement for twenty-four hours, stat-ing that Mr. West was in Norfolk for ing that Mr. West was in Norfolk for the purpose of obtaining evidence which would assist this committee in arriving at would assist this committee in arriving at the truth. To-night we are confronted with a request to postpone the proceed-ings of this committee, and this time it comes from the parent of Mr. West. All of us of the committee have the tenderest feeling for our parents, those of them that are living and those that are dead. Fut we must also have con-

are dead. But we must also have con-sideration for the members of the History Committee and their parents; and we must fristst upon a speedy conclusion of this trial. All of these young men have relatives near and dear to them. The committee has determined that this examination shall proceed. Mr. West has had due notice of our investigation. We have conformed our meeting to comply with his desires, and as much as we assiste to go contrary to the wishes of his parent, we will preceed. However tory Committee and their parents; and

vious to our first examination held on Friday; it was Monday of last week.

The witness: I don't remember sceing Mr. West on Monday. Of course, I saw him, but I don't remember any conversation we had. we will proceed with the examination of He Gives a Full History of the Book Com-Mr. H. C. Duce was called to the stand

on Monday I met Mr. Folkes. Q. By Captain Wise: You mean last

Q. Suppose you repeat the conversa

Camp Hall, at night. The adjutant of the Grand Camp. Sons of Veterans had Mr. Folkes' resignation as a member of the History Committee. I was there to report the meeting, and I copied the letter, and shortly after I had done so Mr. Folkes came into the hall. We talked on the floor of the camp, and then we went back into the lavoratory and talked about it.

Mr. Folkes mid we had better not be

ead him to have transactions with book

A. I had a conversation after that meeting. There was a committee of the Sons of Veterans—
Q. Did you put in the paper the facts that Mr. Folkes asked you to place

well how I could do so, but I purely was agreed upon.

Q. You had a conversation after the meeting of the Camp?

A. Yes, sir, a n-eeting of a committee was io session. Mr. Folkes sat near the committee and I went where he was.

Q. What did you tell him, or what did be tell year?

(Laughter.)
Q. You had be further conversation

estigation?

A. No, he did not tell me that in so

A. I cannot remember.
Q. Tell us what was told you on Tuesday, and on the Friday that you testi-

What did he tell you WILLING TO GO AWAY.

A. Mr. West left the office and walked up Bank street; I overtook him and we stood talking for a long time at Ninth

had said to me. I said to him that I was very sorry, and that I would do any-

over and over again.

Mr. West insisted that I was mistaken and that I should testify that I was entirely mistaken. I told him I was not sure that I had mentioned his name, but he said he expected I had, and he thought I should estify that I was mistaken. Q. Did you follow out Mr. Noel's ad-

followed Mr. Noel's advice?

signment, Mr. Woodfin told me Q. Were you assigned to report the proceedings of this committee on Fri-

the committee that the Lee Camp Hall was at their services, and the meeting adjourned to that place. The examination of Mr. Duce was then continued as Q. You stated that about a track to Friday afternoon Mr. West came back to

and would write an affidavit and submit it to Mr. Woodfin. I wrote my affidavit, and when Mr. Woodfin came into the office I showed him the copy and he sug-gested that the names of Mr. West and Mr. Folkes be stricken out.
Q. Was that all the correction Mr.
Woodfin had to make?
A. Yes, sir. Mr. West telephoned me

A. Yes, sir. Mr. West telephoned me from his house to know if Mr. Woodfin was at the office. I replied that he was, and he sald he would come down at once. He came to the office and we had an argument before Mr. Woodfin as to the effect of Mr. Folkes' resignation. I testified that Mr. Folkes had come in and said he found \$50 on his desk. Mr. West denied this very strenuously, and I protested. By Captain Wise, You said Mr. West

ienied? Denied what?

A. Denied that Mr. Folkes came to the office. I protested.

By Mr. Lecky. You were not here the By Mr. Lecky. You were not here the night Mr. Duce testified to that, Captain, Mr. Folkes. Mr. West denied that statement, and I denied it also. That I believe is in the evidence.
Mr. Lecky. Yes, that is in the evidence, Witness. Mr. West went out to get Mr. Folkes, and after a short absence he returned with Mr. Folkes, Mr. Folkes poured oil on the troubled waters; said he had always been a friend of the newshe had always been a friend of the news-paper men, and that this was only a tempest in a tea cup-or something of that sort—and the investigation was the

result of factional differences in the Camp, and that there was nothing in it, and it would amount to nothing.

Q. He told Mr. Woodin that? Q. He told Mr. Woodfin that?
A. Yes.
Q. You and Mr. West were there?
THREATENED TO TELL ALL.
A. Yes. Mr. West, Mr. Folkes and myself went out into the hall, and I took
Mr. Folkes on one side and said. "You
must stop that man from continually contradicting me about these things." I
said the only thing the committee knows
is that I have seen the cheek, and that
I understood it was to be used with
three members of the camp; and it is not
necessary to drag in all of these details
about which we do not agree; and if he

about which we do not agree; and if he continues to dispute with me about it. I will tell the whole story. Mr. Folkes said "that will be all right, and he called Mr. West, and they went out by the

Did he came in by the back door?
I don't know.
Did Mr. West come back?

Q. Did Mr. West come back?

A. Yes, We went into Colonel Cowardin's office, and I submitted my affidayit as amended, according to Mr. Woodfin's suggestion. Colonel Cowardin approved of the affidavit, and Mr. West in's suggestion, proved of the affidavit, and Mr. West wrote a long affidavit. Colonel Cowardin and Mr. Ellyson were both there.

Q. Which Mr. Ellyson?

A. Mr. Theodore Ellyson. Colonel Cowardin said he would like to have Colonel Chesterman's opinion on the matter, before these things were testified to, and Colonel Chesterman came down. Mr. Colonel Chesterman came down. Mr. Chesterman was under the impression that the affidavits were either too long or

Did they express what it was in-

tended to express in them?

A. He said that they were too long or too short; that in the shape they were in it would suggest a whole lot of questions. ions to the committee, and the committee would naturally want to know why the men themselves were not present to tes-tify, and that it would appear that the Dispatch was trying to screen these men, which they were not. I said that it was my belief that you were just as anxious to get rid of an investigation as possible, and that it would not be a very searching one; and Mr. Chesterman said that if one; and Mr. Chesterman said that if that was the case, then the shorter the affidavits were made, the better, and i dictated a short affidavit to Mr. Chesterman; and a good deal Mr. West struck out of his. There was some further con-sultation, and finally the affidavits as changed were sent in.

Q. Was the affidavit which you dictated the one that we have here now.

A. No. Who did that displease?

I don't think it displeased anybosy Who was it that found fault with A. Mr. Woodfin, I think.
Q. Then you wrote another one? Tell us how you came to write the other one?
A. Mr. Woodfin took the affidavit which I had dictated to Mr. Chesterman, and

STILL ANOTHER.

Company, is he not? A. Yes. He dictated another affidavit.
They were all very much the same; and
then I went and wrote out the affidavit. which was the same that I had dictated to Colonel Chesterman, with Mr. Wood-

Q. Is that the affidavit you have given

A. They had nothing to do with its

A. Absolutely none, Q. I notice that you say in your affi-A. Yes, sir.

Q. Have you any reason to change

his committee by?
A. I don't know; I did not see it de-

A. I cannot remember whether I gave t back in the office, or whether I gave t to Mr. Boykin.
Q. Was the effect of this paper con-A. Only so far as I have stated, that I expressed the opinion that the investigation would probably not be very, far-reaching, and that in view of Mr. Folkes'

Q. If the statement of Mr. West is in error then your testimony is in error. Is that the fact?

Q. Have you held lack anything from this committee that it ought to know. Is your statement to this committee exactly what Mr. West told you?

not mistaken. He argued, that when the subject of this investigation was broached, I was mistaken. I said I was positive; that I had the most vivid recollection of all these circumstances, and I was

Becausel did not tell them to any except Mr. Woodin, and don't think

Those gentlemen were consulting with you in the preparation of this paper-on what you had told Mr. Wood-

A. Yes. Q. Did Mr. Lewis Brander come to see

SHOULD BE THE TRUTH.

Col. Cowardin: I would like to ask Mr.
Duce a question: Mr. Duce, do you remember any repeated injunction that I
gave you when you were preparing your
affidavit?

statement should be?

A. Yes, you said it should be the truth.
Colonel C. O'B. Cowardin here took the
stand, and testified as follows:
By Mr. Lecky: Were you present at the
interview between the officers of the
Dispatch Company when this statement
of Mr. Duce's was considered.

A. Yes, I was

Brander, who met me on the corner of Sixth and Franklin streets, I think; timated to me that there had been something crooked; that somebody had somebody had

G. Has Mr. Womack been to see you since this matter has come up?

MR. WOMACK'S VISITS.

Q. Yes, sir: last Monday. The only times I have seen him in probably a year, as well as I remember, was just after I had received a copy of Colonel Cusson's circular on this subject. I wat very much interested in the matter, and

the money on it.

Q. When did he get the money on the A. I don't know. I know his statement

By Mr. Lamb: Did he tell you with whom he put that note in Norfolk?

A. No. he did not.

would make it twenty.

Q. Did he say he had been owing Mr.
West the money for six months.

A. He did not mention that.

A. Mr. Ellyson is treasurer, and, as a rule, he would advance money sometimes to employees according to his judgment. They very seldom come to me; he is the

A. I don't know that there was any dispute.

THE DISCREPANCY.

Mr. Womack was there for the par-

It was the first interview he had A. The first interview I have had with

By Mr. Lecky. On which floor of the ouse was that room?

A. That was on the main floor. It is basement house; that was the main

A. I met them as I came in. I came in from the street and I met Mr. Womack and Mr. Folks in the hall going out.
Q. In which direction were they going?
A. They were going out by the street door, going out of the hall. met them

A. Yes, sir. Q. Did you say Mr. Massey was with

Q. As you were coming in they were going out?
A. Yes, sir, I don't remember seeing Mr. Massey with them at that time.
By Mr. Lecky. Did you stop Mr. Folkes and speak to him a root You.

A. Yes, sir, I stopped him and spoke to him at the door. By Mr. Lamb. What passed between

him. It was just casual I remember.
Q. Did you see them go out of the louse together?

I don't know, sir.
You didn't see Mr. Massey?
I didn't see Mr. Massey with them,

A. Yes, sir.
Q. How did you vote on the resolu-I did not vote, sir, at all.

that night?
A. Yes, sir.
Q. Hew did he say he obtained those

A. This morning.
Q. Did he come to you, or did you go

left arm), and took them out and gave them to him.

Witness stood aside.

Mr. Lamb: I would like to state, in justice to Mr. Chesterman, that he did not volunteer testimony against Mr. Wer-ner; but I obtained the knowledge that he was in possession of such information from another party, and put him on the stand, almost against his protest. stand, almost against his protest.
Captain Wise: Since you have made that statement, will you state how you

partially. On account of the lateness of the hour, the testimony was continued to Wednesday night, because Mr. West had made arrangements for a trip to New York to the Horse Show, and he thought he might possibly break up his party. On Saturday, about 1 o'clock, Mr. West came to me and told me that, on the advice of Colonel Cowardin, he had decided not to take his trip to New York.

we delike to go contrary to the wisnes of his parent, we will proceed. However, Mr. West will be given the opportunity to place witnesses on the stand for cross-examination, provided he reaches the cit/before this committee concludes the taking of testimony and have gotten on their report to the organization we are now working. With this explanation

MR. DUCE TELLS ALL.

pany Check as He Knew It.

Q. By Mr. Lecky: Mr. Duce, you have on the witness stand on one other

A fact that you will doubtless not

No. I did not. I said I did not know amount of it. I understood it was \$150, but afterwards I was told by

said I understood the check was for but afterwards I was told by Mr.

By Mr. Lecky: Did you see that

Captain Wise: Speak a little louder.

A. I had a cursory glance over it.
Q. Did you have any conferences or talks with Mr. West between having this

cursory glance at that check and the time at which these charges were preferred by Major Brander in the Confederate

twice, and then we did not speak about it for a long time, until Saturday week. Last Saturday week?

A. Yes, sir.
Q. Can you give us the benefit of these asual allusions?
A. They were quite immaterial: I don't

A. They were quite immaterial; I don't remember them; it was just two or three days after the thing occurred.
Q. Did you report the proceedings in the Sons of Veterans' Camp at the time the Mahood resolutions were discussed?

That was the 6th of September? Yes.
Who was the city editor of the Dis

A. Mr. West was acting
Mr. Woodfin was out of the city.
Q. In your capacity as reporter, do
you always have to report to the city
you always have to gather? Mr. West was acting city editor.

editor.

Were you in the Dispatch office that
Mr. Duce?

Did you go on at that time on that

I don't know the exact time; it was

een 12 and 1.

Was Mr. West in the office when reported for duty that day?

Q. What do you know regarding the shing trip taken by Mr. West? A. Any particular fishing trip? I know

West has been on several fishing

A. I don't remember. THAT FISHING TRIP.

A. Yes, sir.

Q. What time did you go on duty?

A. I was supposed to go on about half-ast 2: generally I would go on about alf-past 2: on Mondays I was supposed

patch at that time?

We alluded to it casually once of

A. Yes, sir. Q. At that time you stated under eath hat Mr. West told you of a check for 125 that he had received from the Ameri-

nd testified as follows:

Book Company?

West it was \$125.

A. I said I understoo

A. Yes, sir.

many wirds

Q. Did you make your report to Mr.
Woodfin, or to Mr. West?

3. Mr. Woodfin.
Q. Did you have any conversation with
Mr. West that night—Monday night?

committee were going to proceed, did you have any further conversations with Mr. West?

thing to get him out of it. Q. Did : A. Yes. I did.
Q. Was that the last conversation you A. No: we met, and talked the thing over and over again.

Q. Is that the extent to which you A. Yes.
Q. You repeated to Mr. Woodfin what

tween that word misled and the conversa-tion you had with Mr. West? A. I insisted with Mr. West that I was

Could not say anything more about it.

Q. Did any other member of the Camp come to see you about it?

day night?

A. No. I have not see him since. I heard him when he was in the office, but I did not see him.

SHOULD BE THE TRUTH.

Q. Mr. Womach was there for the par-pose of explaining to you Mr. West's con-nection with the matter, was he? A. I must say I don't why he was

sons got out his circular.

Q. Did he tell you sny connection Mr.
Massey had with this transaction?

A. No. sir, he never uttered a word
about books at all, save when I told him (Continued on Sixth Page.)

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Q. Did Mr. Womack tell you anything about Mr. Folkes in this transaction?
A. I really can't remember. Is have heard so much of it all.
Q. Did he tell you anything of any member of this History Committee?
A. The only material points that impressed themselves upon my mind was the difference between West's statement and Mr. Womack's.
O. Mr. Womack's.